

VAUDEVILLE WANTS JACK

Kearns Whispers That World's Champion May Enter Two-a-Day.

By DAMON RUNYON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—In a pleasing black overcoat with a close collar, waist line and white shirt and tie, Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight champion of the world, appeared at the ringside at Madison Square Garden Tuesday night.

Mr. Kearns remained after the fight between Solder Bartfield and Lou Bogash to lift his voice in contention that the old soldier should have the decision. Not that Mr. Kearns cares a whoop one way or the other, but the soldier is managed by Mr. Kearns' McKelrick representative, Daniel McKelrick.

Naturally the conversation soon drifted to the affairs of Jack Dempsey.

"The champ is out in Salt Lake with his mother," said Mr. Kearns. "He is doing light training, working with Terry Kellar. He will remain there until I send for him."

MAY ENTER VAUDEVILLE. "I don't know when that will be," said Mr. Kearns, gazing at his white spats reflectively. "I have a number of things on my mind. I have a proposition for Jack to take that European tour, giving boxing exhibitions, and I have still another proposition to go into vaudeville."

"It all depends on the financial inducements," continued Mr. Kearns. "At present the vaudeville plan seems to be the most inviting. Still, we are offered good guarantees for the trip abroad. I'll know in a few days just what we are going to do, and then Dempsey will come back to New York."

It seems that the plan for making another picture which was afoot a few weeks ago in Los Angeles fell through. Dempsey, who was from Los Angeles to Salt Lake in Jack Kearns' car.

"He got through without mishap, save burning out the fuselage or something to that effect, and turning the boat overboard," said Mr. Kearns triumphantly.

"It was a most successful trip in every way. Jack took Kellar and 'Old Folks,' his new rubber, with him to Salt Lake."

TAKES ON BENJAMIN.

Mr. Kearns let it drop that he has added to the Dempsey entourage a word which goes with white spats, by taking on Joe Benjamin, the lightweight champion of the Pacific coast. He challenges Johnny Dundee, Willie Jackson, or Lou Teller on behalf of his new protégé.

"After he whips them," said Mr. Kearns, optimistically, "Joe will be ready to meet Benny Leonard for the lightweight championship."

Kearns has had many a fighter in his time. He was one of the pioneer invaders of Australia with an American stable, going there some years ago with Joe Bonzo, Billy Murray, and Red Watson.

He saw the possibilities of Les Darcy and thought he had the young man corralled when Les came to America, but some one cabbaged the Australian on him between runs.

After he got Dempsey, Kearns paid little attention to any other boxers until Jack became champion of the world. Then Kearns handled the business affairs of Bill Tate, Jack's sparring partner for a time, but this arrangement was recently disrupted.

HE PREFERS THE COAST.

Jack also had Eddie Mahoney, a lightweight, for a short period, and Marty Farrell, the middleweight. In fact, he still has Farrell, but the latter is out on the Pacific coast, and seems to prefer that part of the country to the East, where he might be making plenty of money.

Farrell is a remarkably clever fellow. He ought to be a champion, but it is doubtful if he will ever reach that estate. Fighting does not seem to be his only thought.

Benjamin, who has been adopted by Kearns, comes from the Coast. He was here some time ago under the management of Billy Gibson, and worked with Benny Leonard, the lightweight champion. Joe is a good fighter, but the Eastern climate did not seem to agree with him.

Kearns is a very good judge of a boxer, however, and he sees vast possibilities in Benjamin. Anyway, a new face among the lightweights of the present era will help some.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 25.—Georgetown University basketball players played a great game against the University of Pittsburgh here three days ago at meeting Carnegie Tech tonight in what promises to be a first class floor engagement.

The District of Columbia team went to Grove City last night and played against Grove City College losing by 33 to 22 in a rough game. The Georgetown team encountered what is thought to be the best collegiate quint in this section of the country.

Georgetown handily defeated Carnegie Tech when the Carnegie lads were in Washington early in the season.

Levinson Is Home.

Battling Levinson, the light heavyweight, who went to England recently to meet Bombardier Wells only to injure his arm in training, is home again. He will be out of the ring for a couple of months yet.

Lee Made a Hit.

George Lee, the Chinese bantamweight from New Orleans, though stopped in nine rounds by Midget Smith, made a big hit with New York ring fans and will be matched with some other opponent in a few weeks.

Quincy Wins It.

Superior floor work won a 22 to 15 game for the Quincy A. C. losers over the Calvary team last night.

THE OTHER ANGLE

Among Those Present

By KIRK MILLER.

Among those absent at the McBride obsequies last evening was not Skillet Finn, president of the Pedestrians' club of Washington.

Skillet was scheduled to be absent, as Mrs. Finn had told him he shouldn't crawl out of the house, not even to get a newspaper so he could read all about himself.

But Skillet is a tough egg to break. He had his heart and soul set on arriving just before the soup and departing after the last corpse had been put on ice. He did.

Skillet had everything on earth to attend the banquet with except the permission of his wife. He wasn't worried about the \$5. But

"Skillet Finn YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY IN."

Mrs. Finn is a wise old watch dog and she sticks to Skillet closer than a mustard plaster to a set of lumbago spurs.

Since Monday she has been watching every exit to the house to see that Skillet didn't get loose. Knowing that Skillet, as an endearingly calls him, was president of the Pedestrians' club, she knew he might easily sneak out unbeknown to her, so she plugged up the key holes to make sure of him.

Mrs. Finn has been bound to Skillet by the chains of matrimony long enough to know better than to try to make sure of anything, but women have a way of liking to kid themselves along. She wasn't kidding Skillet any.

On last Monday morning when the laundryman carried out the soiled clothes, Skillet was inside of the bag. Tucked in among the sheets and towels, he had a comfortable ride to the laundry. When they got the dirty clothes to the counting room, Skillet jumped out like a scared rabbit and hid underneath a cuspidor.

When night came, he roamed around among the laundry bundles, eating enough crumbs off of napkins and tablecloths to sustain him until the time for his great vindication should come. For three days and nights up

until yesterday afternoon, he existed in this manner, devouring every morsel he could spy and finally making laundry soap.

Then, in accordance with his carefully laid plans, yesterday about noon, when they were packing up the clean tidies for Wardman Park hotel, Skillet snatched him from the middle of a pile of tablecloths which were aimed for the McBride banquet cell.

Once in the room, it was easy for him to dodge about among the tables without any of the help apprehending him. Besides, as you know well, Skillet is a chameleon and can be invisible when he wants to. He would practice his color changeability at home, except that his wife had the papers designed after every quail and even Skillet can't be so many colors at once.

Well, Skillet hung around and hung around all yesterday afternoon, yawning and yapping until the banquet hour should arrive. Once he fell asleep underneath a chair and came pretty near getting caught by the head waiter.

By a series of clever maneuvers, he succeeded in negotiating the center of the table, where he changed the color to white and lay prone like an oyster cracker. It was a remarkable piece of legerdemain but an effort well worthy of the result.

He had not yet shaken the semblance of a soup cracker when himself when he was rudely awakened by somebody dipping him in a dish of rosters-omb-consome. He came to like a rocket. By this time the

THAT'S THE SOUP STRAINS FROM LES MISERABLES IN B.V.D.

guests had all arrived and parked their broughams beneath the banquet board, so Skillet started eating soup, too.

That was his fatal move. Had he not tried to out-harmstone the orchestra while at that time touchingly rendering the waltz Strains from "Les Miserables," he might not have been discovered yet.

The orchestra hit F flat and Skillet hit B minor. The ensemble sounded something like clabber being flung off of Washington Monument on to a tin pan.

The house detectives who had been tipped off by Mrs. Finn to spot her weaker half, seized Skillet by the tonsils and left him with the tender mercies of Mrs. Finn who was waiting just outside the banquet chamber with a baseball bat in one hand and a meat axe in the other.

HOREMANS PLAYS FOR WALTER REED

Belgian Billiardist in Best Form At Yesterday's Matinee at Sherman's.

Edouard Horemans and Thomas Gallagher, who made their debut at Sherman's last evening, yesterday afternoon, went to Walter Reed Hospital this morning, where they played an exhibition of 200 points for the benefit of the wounded soldiers.

Of the two performances at Sherman's yesterday afternoon, Horemans was in better fettle in the afternoon. During the matinee he made one run of 209 points.

In the afternoon match the Belgian had runs of 65; 0; 28; 109; 10, and 88, for an average of 66.2-3. In his run of 209 he made 29 brilliant masses and gathered 48 masses for the entire score of 400, with 5 three-rail shots.

Gallagher, the veteran, could only muster 26, with an average of 71-5. Score: 0; 0; 15; 17, and 4.

In the evening play Horemans got off to a bad start, as the score shows, but he struck his real stride with wonderful draw and masse shots for a 134, which put him out for the required 400. At the insistence of the large and enthusiastic gallery present, he reeled off 77 more, making his total 211, which was greeted with applause.

The score: 0; 0; 2; 57; 6; 2; 67; 83; 4, and 134, making the 400, an average of 28.4-7 for 36 masses and 4 three-rails made. Gallagher made only 42 in 13 innings for an average of 3-13, but promises to give a better account of himself today when the same players meet at 3 and 8:15. Manager George Lewis has reserved a section for women patrons.

MAY REQUIRE RUTH FOR TWIRLING JOB

Besides Him Harry Harper Is Only Southpaw With the Yankees.

By SID MENCHER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—It begins to look as if George H. Ruth will do considerable pitching for the Yankees this year.

Ruth has declared himself in favor of more than an occasional turn in the box and probably will not find Miller Huggins unwilling to excuse him from outfield duty once or twice a week.

Apparently Huggins is standing pat on a pitching staff that includes no great left hander unless Hug figures on Ruth stepping out of his character and becoming a target for other sluggers.

The mite manager doesn't expect to make any more important trade announcements this winter unless some of his correspondence bears fruit. Frank Baker may come back but Huggins will not know about him until the beginning of the baseball season.

HE LEAVES TOMORROW. Huggins leaves directly for Shreveport from his home in Cincinnati tomorrow, so he evidently is getting his mind off aways of players and preparing to do the best he can with what he has.

Aside from the question of pitching, the Yanks are starting with an infield that includes no soundly trained second baseman and an outfield that can stand vast improvement. Many good judges are of the opinion that New York's pitching prospects are not so good as they were a year ago at Jacksonville. Then Huggins had three left-handers.

He has acquired Hoyt, who ought to be a steady winner among the right-handers, but even if Hoyt gets away good he may no more than offset the possible defection of Jack Quinn.

PICUS COULDN'T WIN. It will be remembered that Quinn could not win for the Yanks when they were making their drive in the closing weeks of the season. J. Picus has been around twelve years now and even with the epibial mastered he has to get through some time.

Huggins had more confidence in Quinn last fall than Jack's teammates had. On the final Western trip—when the Yanks "blew" at Chicago—Huggins started Quinn in every town although this pitcher had been going poorly and was hammered every time he started.

The Yankee Boilevks growled at Huggins for imperiling their pennant chances by a preference for Quinn when other pitchers were ready and had more stuff.

SOCCER PLAYERS VISIT BALTIMORE ON SUNDAY

The Washington Soccer Club players journey over to Baltimore on Sunday to tackle the Latrobe Soccer Club team of the Monumental City. The Latrobe eleven is unusually strong and is expected to give the local outfit a run for honors.

The District team will line up with D. Fraser, B. Gardner, J. Riley, N. Almeida, J. Callilly, A. Boyd, B. Williams, J. Gourlay, A. Peres and L. Longstreet. Jimmy Fitzgerald will referee.

LOADMAN WILL OFFER KILBANE BIG GUARANTEE

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Dick Loadman's manager says Johnny Kilbane will be offered a guarantee of \$20,000, with the privilege of 40 per cent of the gross receipts to box Loadman 15 rounds at Buffalo in April.

Loadman has agreed to make any weight the champion wants. Loadman is a 122 pound boy—one of the few legitimate featherweights. Loadman has refereed decisions over Andy Chaney, Frankie Brown, Al Shubert and other good ones.

He also knocked out Johnny Ertle in three rounds, and claims newspaper verdicts over such good ones as Roy Moore, Joe Burman, Pat Moore, Artie Root, Geo. Stewart, Bob Joseph, Battling Reddy, Kid Wolfe, Benny Valgar and others.

St. John's Lands.

St. John's Preps defeated the Junior High School quint by a score of 15 to 12 on the high school lads' floor yesterday.

Penny Ante "GETTING A SPECTATOR IN THE GAME" By Jean Knott



TONIGHT'S WINNER TO MEET LEONARD

Johnny Dundee and Willie Jackson Expected to Mix Matters At Garden.

By JACK VEIOCK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A match with Benny Leonard is the plum Tex Rickard will hang before the eyes of Johnny Dundee and Willie Jackson, who are scheduled to box fifteen rounds at Madison Square Garden tonight.

As a result of the fight fans expect to see the rival lightweights extend themselves in an effort to land a match with the champion.

Dundee and Jackson have fought nine times. They first met in 1917 at Philadelphia and Jackson jumped from obscurity over night by knocking Dundee out cold.

MAKES EIGHT ATTEMPTS. Since that time Dundee has made eight "attempts" to even up the score and unless he succeeds in doing it tonight the boxing public will hesitate to applaud future matches between the pair, who have been suspected of doing a "brother act" on several occasions.

Dundee has been boxing a dozen years or so and though he still is a rugged lightweight he is believed by many critics to be nearing the end of his pugilistic trail.

JACKSON TO BE FAVORITE. Jackson, who has been campaigning as a light-weight contender since 1917, will be a prime favorite when he enters the ring tonight and his real attitude toward a match with Leonard will be uncovered by the kind of a fight he makes against the "Scotch-wop."

Leonard's willingness to meet the winner of the scrap was made known to Rickard in a telegram from Billy Gibson, manager of the titleholder, who wired from St. Louis that he is ready to sign articles any time. Incidentally, Gibson claims that Jackson has side-stepped several chances to meet Leonard.

The only chance Jackson ever faced the champion was in a four-round exhibition bout during the war.

TRIPLEHEADER END TO SCHOOL SERIES OF FLYWEIGHT TITLE

The 1921 high school basketball championship series winds up today in a triple header at the Central Coliseum, Ninth and Pennsylvania avenues, Northwest.

Central and Western are meeting in the first game of the triple game affair. Business and Tech are playing in the second battle. Inserted between the halves of the two games will be the much-talked of faculty game between Tech's faculty players and an all-star combination.

The high school title has been practically decided in favor of the Tech team. The Manual Trainers have won six games and lost one. Western stands second with five wins and two defeats. Eastern is third, Central fourth and Business fifth.

The Tech team can be tied by Western today if Western defeats Central and Tech loses to Business. The first game of the big bill will be staged at 3:15 p. m. For the Western-Central game Fitzgerald and Fuller have been selected to officiate. For the Tech-Business game Hughes and Fuller will work.

SENIORS AHEAD. Catholic University Juniors had little trouble disposing of the seniors in an indoor interclass meet at Brookland last night.

Girls Will Play. George Washington University girls will play Swarthmore University girls at Epiphany tomorrow night.

Freshmen to Race. Catholic University and George Washington University freshmen are entered to run in a special relay race in the big Catholic University indoor track meet to be held here March 3.

Boxers to Meet. Pennsylvania and the University of Virginia boxers are scheduled for a dual boxing meet at Norfolk on March 15.

War Risk Representatives play the Annapolis High School girls tonight in the State Armory at Annapolis, Md.

BENDIGO, BEN HOGAN AND KID WEDGE HAVE ENTERED PULPIT

By DAMON RUNYON.

Billy Sunday, the ball player who turned evangelist, was not the first professional athlete to be converted and to take up evangelism. In the history of the prize ring there have been three cases, one of comparatively recent date. Kid Wedge, a fighter, who had more or less of a flaccid reputation all around Omaha, quit the ring a few years ago and became a minister of the gospel.

The last we heard of the Rev. Mr. Wedge he was still pounding the pulpit instead of the countenances of his ring adversaries, and having much success.

Many years ago William Thompson Bendigo, known as a bare-knuckle fighter of considerable prowess, was in prison serving a sentence for some breach of the peace when he heard the prison chaplain preach a sermon on the battle between David and Goliath.

The sermon seems to have impressed Bendigo, and later in the day he sent for the chaplain to see him.

HE LIKED THAT DAVID. "Guv-nor," said Bendigo, "your sermon touched the right spot and reminded me of my first fight with Ben Caunt. I'd like to have you tell me more about that David fellow. He must have been a good 'un for a lightweight."

The chaplain, seeing that he had an impressionable material before him, gave a lengthy exposition of the subject, following which he gave explanations of the gospel, and when Bendigo left the prison he was a changed man.

The old fighter quit the prize ring, stopped drinking and went through the towns of the provinces preaching to his fellow-men. He was an illiterate fellow, and his exhortations were crude but convincing, and when Bendigo finally died he had many conversions to his credit.

After Bendigo came a fellow named Benedel Hagan, known as Ben Hogan, whose name appears in the history of the battle fought for the championship of America, and who was one of the few pugilists born in Germany.

HE WAS A CHARACTER. This Hogan was a character. He made and wasted a couple of fortunes in gambling and fast living. His first fight was with Jack Holaday for \$400, and Hogan won in seven rounds.

He then beat Bob Donnelly, a little-known pugilist, at Fort Erie, Canada. The battle lasted thirty-six rounds, and took two hours and four minutes.

Hogan was then matched to fight Charles Collins, better known as "Cast Iron Collins," who was defeated by George Rooke, of Providence, at Fisher's Island in 1907, but was declared a winner on a foul.

The Hogan-Collins match ended in a fizzle. Hogan visited New York and met Billy Edwards in a glove contest at No. 606 Broadway, and the result would indicate that Edwards was either pretty good or Hogan pretty bad at the time.

Edwards, the lightweight champion, had all the best of the bout, but it was a great lesson for Hogan. He learned quite a bit about boxing, and decided that he would challenge the best man in America.

He went to Rochester and appeared in a sparring exhibition with Tom Allen. Hogan shaded Allen in the bout, and one Charley Perkins immediately offered to back the German in a regular fight against Allen, posting a forfeit. The match did not take place.

Hogan then went into the oil fields of Pennsylvania, and the next heard of him he had made a fortune. It seems he was still eager to gain fame in the ring, and he challenged Allen for the championship and \$2,000 a side.

BOTH WERE ARRESTED. The match was made, and the men were to go by steamer to the battleground, but they made the mistake of arranging the match to take place in Illinois. The fighters were arrested and put under bond not to fight in the State, so they decided to move to Iowa.

The ring was pitched near Council Bluffs, and there was only one house within three miles.

The men fought three rounds when Hogan claimed he had been fouled. Claiming fouls seems to have been the most popular feature of fighting under the old London prize ring rules. All hands promptly drew knives and revolvers, another feature of the old days, and the fight ended.

Allen would have won, it is said. Had Egan returned the fighters their money, the matter was called a draw, and the folks adjourned.

Hogan then came back to New York and was converted. History contains no such illuminating details of his conversion as in connection with the reformation of Bendigo, but it is known that he went abroad in the land calling sinners to repentance.

He was a strong, muscular fellow, according to all accounts, but in pugilistic skill he never clasped with the headlines of his time. Few all history says to the contrary. Hogan may still be alive. He would be seventy-six years old at this time.

PITT AMATEUR BOXER HAS JOINED PRO RANK

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Jack Zivic, clever Pittsburgh lightweight, is going to turn professional, it was learned today. Zivic, who was a member of the American Olympic boxing team, won the intercity lightweight title when he beat Archie Walker, of New York, and J. Guinan, of Philadelphia.

Arrows to Play. Y. M. C. A. Arrows will play tomorrow night in the Kendall Green gymnasium against the Gallaudet College team. The schedule of the Arrows for the remainder of the season is as follows: March 3, U. S. S. Reina Mercedes at Annapolis; March 5, Catholic University freshmen at Y. M. C. A.; March 12, Alexandria Drednoughts at Y. M. C. A.; March 19, Epiphany Comets at Y. M. C. A.

Bengals to Play. The Bengal basketball team is scheduled to play the Dominica A. C. team tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Bengal players are Sheehan, Maurice, McGarrath, Sheehy and Pepper are requested to meet at Ninth and G streets, northwest, at 2:15 p. m. tomorrow afternoon.

Good Game Listed. Kanawha and Yosemite teams hook up in the Ingram gymnasium in what promises to be a first class game.

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